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SUBJ: WEU ASSEMBLY DEFENSE COMMITTEE VISIT TO THE  
UNITED STATES

REFS: A. STATE 047012. B. STATE 049898.

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO ADMIN-  
ISTRATIVE QUERIES IN REFS. IN ADDITION, CHAIRMAN  
CRITCHLEY WISHES TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON  
SO HE AND COMMUNIST PARLIAMENTARIANS CAN EXPOSE THEIR  
POSITIONS. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON PRESS CON-  
FERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE CONTAINED  
REF A PASSED TO WEU STAFFER WHO EXPRESSED HIS AND  
CHAIRMAN CRITCHLEY'S APPRECIATION.

3. FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO  
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QUESTIONS IN PARA 3, REF A:

A. TWO PARLIAMENTARIANS HAVE INFORMED WEU  
STAFF THAT WIVES WILL ACCOMPANY: LA COMBE (RPR-FRANCE)  
AND KONEN (DEMOCRAT-LUXEMBOURG).

B. PARLIAMENTARIANS HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY WEU  
TO INFORM THEIR NATIONAL EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON OF  
ARRIVAL FLIGHT NUMBERS AND TIMES.

C. ALL MEMBERS OF VISITING CONTINGENT HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO RESERVE FLIGHTS FROM WASHINGTON TO LOS ANGELES AFTERNOON OF WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH, AND ON AIR WEST FLIGHT 519 ON 31 MARCH.

D. WEU APPRECIATES DOD OFFER TO RESERVE HOTEL ROOMS IN LOS ANGELES FOR THREE NIGHTS. AT PRESENT, WEU STAFF STATES THAT 42 PARTICIPANTS PLAN TO GO ON WEST COAST LEG. REQUEST 40 SINGLES AND 2 DOUBLES (FOR LA COMBE AND KONEN) PLUS WHATEVER NUMBER OF ROOMS NEEDED FOR INTERPRETERS WHO WILL ACCOMPANY FROM WASHINGTON (OR WILL INTERPRETERS BE HIRED LOCALLY IN LOS ANGELES?). NO PARTICIPANTS HAVE YET INDICATED DESIRE TO STAY L.A. THROUGH NIGHT OF APRIL 2. WE WILL ADVISE IF ANY DO.

E. RE DOD CHARTER BUS ARRANGEMENTS IN CALIFORNIA COULD BUS PICK UP GROUP ON ARRIVAL L.A. AIRPORT EVENING 30 MARCH AT 2030 HOURS? WILL BUS COSTS BE AT USG EXPENSE? WEU CAN MEET COSTS IF NECESSARY.

F. WEU ACCEPTS WITH APPRECIATION OFFER OF BUS TRANSPORTATION AT USG EXPENSE IN WASHINGTON. MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY WEU TO RESERVE AT HOWARD JOHNSON ACROSS FROM WATERGATE, BUT MANY REPORT NO RESPONSE FROM HOWARD JOHNSON. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE HOTEL AND ASK IT TO RESPOND TO RESERVATION REQUESTS. AT PRESENT, WEU IS INFORMED THAT 44 PARTICIPANTS PLAN TO GO FOR WASHINGTON VISIT, THOUGH SOME WILL DROP OUT AS DATE APPROACHES. CHAIRMAN CRITCHLEY WILL STAY AT HOME OF SPENCER OLIVER, STAFF DIRECTOR OF COMMISSION ON CONFIDENTIAL

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SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (CSCE). AS FAR AS IS KNOWN, ALL OTHERS ARE REQUESTING ROOMS AT HOWARD JOHNSON. CRITCHLEY WILL MAKE OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAVEL AROUND WASHINGTON. WEU ADVISES THAT SIR JOHN MORETON, DCM, UK EMBASSY, WILL HOST RECEPTION AT HIS HOME, 3220 NEBRASKA AVENUE, N.W., ON EVENING MARCH 29. CAN BUS PICK UP GROUP AT 1815 FOR TRAVEL TO MORETON'S HOME AND PICK THEM UP FOR RETURN TO HOTEL AT 2030?

G. WE WILL POUCH LATEST LIST OF PARTICIPANTS. AS TO PROTOCOL ORDER, BE GUIDED BY WEU LISTING. WEU WILL REVISE LIST AS NECESSARY IF MEMBERS CANCEL.

H. RE INTERPRETERS AND QUERY IN REF B, WEU REQUESTS INTERPRETERS CAPABLE OF INTERPRETING QUESTIONS FROM DUTCH, ENGLISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, AND ITALIAN INTO BOTH ENGLISH AND FRENCH. THUS ALL SESSIONS WILL NEED

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START TO FINISH INTERPRETATION IN BOTH ENGLISH AND  
FRENCH, WITH CAPABILITY TO TRANSLATE A FEW QUERIES OR  
STATEMENTS MADE IN DUTCH, GERMAN, OR ITALIAN INTO BOTH  
FRENCH AND ENGLISH. WEU HOPES THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED  
BY THREE MULTILINGUAL INTERPRETERS. CAN SIMULTANEOUS  
EQUIPMENT BE TAKEN TO MEETING WITH SENATE ARMED SER-  
VICES COMMITTEE ON MARCH 30? END UNCLASSIFIED.

BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL:

4. WEU STAFFER INFORMS US THAT CHAIRMAN CRITCHLEY  
WISHES TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE "AS EARLY DURING  
WASHINGTON STAY AS POSSIBLE." CRITCHLEY WOULD PREFER  
TO HOLD CONFERENCE AT STATE, DOD, OR SENATE ARMED  
SERVICES COMMITTEE, BUT WILL HOLD IT AT HOTEL IF USG  
PREFERS. CRITCHLEY, WHO IS OUTSPOKEN, VIEWS PRESS  
CONFERENCE AS CHANCE TO ADVERTISE WEU AND PERMIT  
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COMMUNIST PARLIAMENTARIANS TO EXPLAIN THEIR POSITIONS.

RECOMMENDATION: IN VIEW OF CRITCHLEY'S DEMONSTRATED  
CAPACITY TO SAY THE WRONG THING AND PRESENCE OF  
COMMUNIST PARLIAMENTARIANS, WE RECOMMEND AGAINST USG  
SPONSORING OR FACILITATING PRESS CONFERENCE. WE  
BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM WEU  
STAFF THAT IF CRITCHLEY AND HIS GROUP DESIRE TO HOLD  
PRESS CONFERENCE, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO AT HOWARD  
JOHNSON HOTEL. PLEASE ADVISE. END CONFIDENTIAL.  
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